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2019



VILLAGE BOARD MEETINGS

The regular semi-monthly meetings are scheduled for the second and fourth Monday of each month and will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Village Hall. The public is always encouraged to attend. Special board meetings and committee meetings are scheduled as needed. Dates and agendas for all meetings are posted on the board near the door of the Village Hall and may also be reviewed on the Village website.

Approved Minutes and Agendas

*may be viewed at the Village Office or the website at
williamsville.illinois.gov*

Village of Williamsville

141 W. Main St.

217.566.3806

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7:30-11:30 am
12:30 -3:30 pm

Monday-Friday

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Police Non-Emergency
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WILLIAMSVILLE, IL 62693



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Urbanized Area service to Chatham, Riverton, Spaulding, Rochester and Sherman operates from 6am to 9am and from 4:30pm to 6:30pm Monday through Friday only.



(217) 522-8594

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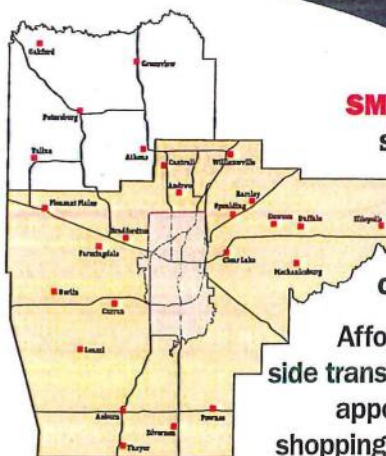
Access Paratransit service is door-to-door service scheduled by appointment only.

For an online application or for more details, visit the Access Sangamon tab at SMTD.org.

Access operates 6:00am to 6:30pm M-F.



Sangamon/Menard Area Regional Transit



SMART is a rural transit system that provides critical access to transportation for rural residents of Sangamon county.

Affordable, convenient curb side transit for making a doctor's appointment, going grocery shopping or just visiting a friend.

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At the time of your call please have the following information available:

- Date of appointment
- Time of appointment
- Address of pickup and destination
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Call **(217) 679-5009** or www.smartrides.org

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Williamsville Community Calendar

January

January 1	New Year's Day! Village Office & Library are closed
January 3	Woodcarvers in the Community Ctr. 7:00 p.m.
January 5	Garden Club Disassembling Pots at 10:00 a.m.
January 7	Games/Activities last day Winter Break — 10:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m. at WPLM
January 7	Foundation Meeting 6:30 p.m.
January 8	Coffee Hour at 10:00 a.m. at WPLM
January 8	Fireside Chat at noon WPLM
January 8	Senior Potluck at WUMC — 12 Noon
January 10	Quarter Auction 6:30 p.m. in Comm. Center
January 12	Garden Club Disassembling Pots (inclement weather date) at 10:00 a.m.
January 14	WPLM Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
January 15	Coffee Hour at 10:00 a.m. at WPLM
January 17	Garden Club New Year's Party at Bella Trattoria 6:30 p.m.
January 21	Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Holiday — Village Office and Library are closed
January 22	Coffee Hour at WPLM at 10:00 a.m.
January 24	Fireside Chat at noon WPLM
January 28	Village Board Meeting — 6:30 p.m.
January 29	Coffee Hour at 10:00 a.m. at WPLM
January 31	Book Club at 7:00 p.m. at WPLM

February

February 4	Foundation Meeting 6:30 p.m.
February 5	Coffee Hour at WPLM at 10:00 a.m.
February 5	Senior Potluck at WUMC — 12 Noon
February 6	Woodcarvers in Community Ctr. 7:00 p.m.
February 11	Village Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
February 12	Lincoln's Birthday — Village Office & Library are closed
February 14	Quarter Auction 6:30 p.m. in Comm. Ctr.
February 18	President's Day — Village Office & Library are closed
February 19	Coffee Hour at WPLM at 10:00 a.m.
February 25	Village Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
February 26	Coffee Hour at WPLM at 10:00 a.m.
February 28	Fireside Chat at WPLM at 12:00 noon
February 28	Wondering Why — Forensic Science 6:30 p.m. At WPLM
February 28	Book Club at 7:00 p.m. at WPLM

The Williamsville Community Foundation would like to thank all volunteers for their help and extend a big thanks to business owners who donated to 2018 WCF events!

PLATINUM \$2,000 OR MORE
VILLAGE OF WILLIAMSVILLE
WILLIAMSVILLE STATE BANK & TRUST
KUHN & TRELLO

GOLD \$1,200-\$1,999
ICG
UNITED COMMUNITY BANK
STATE FARM INSURANCE — JENIFER SELLERS
RT. 66 CAR & PET WASH

SILVER \$500-\$1,199
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SHERMAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
DONLEY TRUCKING
PATTERSON BROS.

BRONZE \$100-\$499
SANGAMON COUNTY CLERK DON GRAY
M & M POOLS — CASEY FINLEY
WILLIAMSVILLE RT 66 ANTIQUE MALL
MOTT & HENNING FUNERAL HOME
HARPOLE T'S
BOHANNON'S CLEAN RITE
BRANDT CONSTRUCTION
GATSCHENBERGER HEATING & COOLING
STAAB FUNERAL HOME
BIG R
DLC SALES/LEWEY LIGHTING SOLUTIONS
RIVERTON LAVELY LODGE #786
SAM'S TOO
CONTRACTOR'S READY MIX
RICHARDSON REPAIR SERVICE
CARTER'S LUMBER
NOONAN'S GRAND RENTAL
S & K BUICK/GMC
TRACY SHAW REAL ESTATE TEAM

Foundation fundraising for 2019 will begin early in the year and we appreciate your continued support! Thank you!

(Please check our website for any changes to dates/times!)

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WILLIAMSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief: Scott Gaddy
Deputy Chief: Jeff Menke



The WVFD is staffed by dedicated men and women of the community who respond 24/7, 365 days a year to fire, medical and other emergencies. Meetings are held every Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in becoming a member of our team, call us at 566-3311, visit our website at wfpdillinois.com or join us at one of our meetings. WFPD Board members are Brian Mendenhall (217-891-7547), President; Gordon McCall, Secretary; Rich Spenn, Treasurer; Kathy Geary and Brittnee Hamilton, Trustees.



Volunteer Recruiting

The Fire Department is always searching for new recruits. Membership meets every Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. at the Firehouse: two meetings per month are fire and EMS training; one business meeting and one is duty crew. We offer training, gear and equipment to do your job along with a stipend twice a year. If you would like the opportunity to help your community, please attend any meeting at the Firehouse on Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. or call 566-3311 for more information. We would be glad to have you join us!



Christmas Tree Safety

As you deck the halls this holiday season, be fire smart. A small fire that spreads to a Christmas tree can grow large very quickly.

- ◆ Picking the Tree — Choose a tree with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched.
- ◆ Placing the Tree — Before placing the tree in the stand, cut 2" from the base of the trunk.

- ◆ Make sure the tree is at least 3 feet away from any heat source, like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights.
- ◆ Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit.
- ◆ Add water to the tree stand daily.
- ◆ Lighting the Tree — Use lights that are listed by a qualified testing laboratory. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use.
- ◆ Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands to connect.
- ◆ Never use lit candles to decorate the tree.
- ◆ Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.

After Christmas

- ◆ Get rid of the tree after Christmas or when it is dry. Dried out trees are a fire danger and should not be left in the home or garage, or placed outside against the home.
- ◆ Check with your local community to find a recycling program.
- ◆ Bring outdoor electrical lights inside after the holidays to prevent hazards and make them last longer.
- ◆ Facts: One quarter of home Christmas tree fires are caused by electrical problems.
- ◆ Although Christmas tree fires are not common, when they do occur, they are more likely to be serious.
- ◆ A heat source too close to the tree causes roughly one in every four of the fires.

Source: NFPA Public Education Division



Join the Friends of Williamsville Public Library and Museum

All Current Memberships Expire December 31, 2018

Benefits for 2019 Members Include:

- ◆ Preview new museum exhibits before they open to the public
- ◆ Shop the Preview Sale for the annual Book Sale
- ◆ Support programs that make WPLM a place to learn new things



Membership Form

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Level

Individual \$20.00

Family \$30.00

Book Lover \$40.00

Best Friend \$50.00

Engraved Stone \$150.00

Mail Check and Form to:

Friends of WPLM

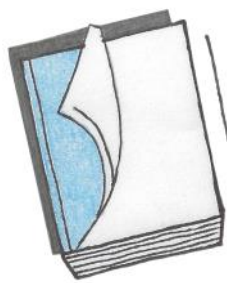
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Your contribution is tax deductible (to the extent allowed by law)

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PUBLIC LIBRARY & MUSEUM



Career Event

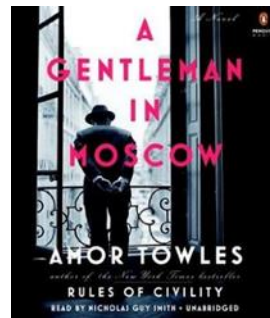
Our communities are fortunate to have a wealth of talented students and business people. "Williamsville Works" will bring together businesses and organizations to highlight the opportunities available in our area. Students curious about their futures or adults considering a career change should plan to attend "Williamsville Works" on Tuesday, February 26, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Representatives from Cali Mae Designs, Engineering Explorers, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Law Automotive, Lincoln Land Community College, Memorial Health Systems, Lincoln Tech Education Center, Sangamon CEO, and other organizations will be participating. Find out about job shadowing, internships, special workshops, and the type of training needed for a variety of career options. If you have ever considered starting your own business you will be able to talk to small business owners about what it is really like to run your own business. The event will be an open house format with a special presentation by LLCC regarding "How to Make a Good First Impression," with tips for scholarship and job interviews. Follow WPLM on Facebook for more details and event reminders.

More Village News...

JetPay Service for Payment of Water/Sewer Billings

The ePay service that the Village of Williamsville subscribes to through the Illinois Treasurer's Office has gone to a new system for paying water/sewer charges called "JetPay." In addition to accepting Visa cards along with Discover, American Express and Master Card, the new system will allow you to set up an account so you can log in easily and make a payment without putting in the same information every time. You can also set up recurring payments if you would like to do so using your credit or debit card.

You can access this service on our website at williamsville.illinois.gov. Please let us know if you have any questions or problems. We will be glad to help!



Book Club

Please join us on Thursday, January 31, at 7:00 p.m. to discuss *The Gentleman from Moscow* by Amor Towles. In 1922, Count Alexander Rostov is deemed an unrepentant aristocrat by a Bolshevik tribunal, and is sentenced to house arrest in the Metropol, a grand hotel across the street from the Kremlin. Rostov, an indomitable man of erudition and wit, has never worked a day in his life, and must now live in an

attic room while some of the most tumultuous decades in Russian history are unfolding outside the hotel's doors. Unexpectedly, his reduced circumstances provide him entry into a much larger world of emotional discovery. Brimming with humor, a glittering cast of characters, and one beautifully rendered scene after another, this singular novel casts a spell as it relates the count's endeavor to gain a deeper understanding of what it means to be a man of purpose.

Electronics & Hot Spots to Check Out

Seniors can check out one of two iPads or a Kindle to see if they may like to use a tablet. Staff will explain how to access the internet and use a library card to access free books and audiobooks to enjoy through the tablets. Any adult can also check out a hot spot device to access the internet from anywhere! The hot spot is perfect for a senior who would like to check out a tablet or any adult who would like to have access to the internet while traveling.

Toys for Tots

Thanks to everyone who donated to Toys for Tots this year — Village residents always show outstanding support for this great cause!

The Williamsville Community Foundation donated approximately \$700 in cash and over \$1,000 in toys, mostly as a result of the quarter auction held on December 13. This doesn't include all the toys that residents brought in! Thank you to all!



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WPLM always has several events going on. All events are free, but registration is requested for some events. To register please call WPLM at 566-3520, or register through our website at williamsvillelibrary.org. You can stay updated about upcoming events by following us on Facebook.

WPLM on Social Media

There is always something to do at WPLM. The drop-in stations in the children's area change each month. The stations include games, activities, and crafts for kids. Follow WPLM on Facebook to find out about new "Curiosity Kits" that will be developed this year. Follow WPLM on Instagram at "WPLMinsta" to see examples of new books and DVDs that are added to our collection almost every week.

No School Fun Day

WPLM will host special activities on Monday, January 7, which will be the last day of winter break for local students. A variety of games and activities, including Legos and magnet tiles, will be set up from 10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. Multi-player videogames will be available in the multi-purpose room from 1:00-6:00 p.m. Drop by any time to play or enjoy a change of scenery.

STEM Fair at SES

Sherman Elementary School will be hosting its first STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Fair on Thursday, February 21. Come by the WPLM table at the event to participate in one of our Lego Challenges and let us know if you are interested in having WPLM host a Lego League Jr. Club next year.

Ancestry.com at WPLM

Holiday family gatherings can inspire folks to be curious about their family trees. If you have an interest in genealogy, you may want to use an on-line database to fill in some gaps in your family tree. WPLM subscribes to the library edition of Ancestry.com, which includes access to European ancestry resources. You can access the database on our computers or bring your own computer to use at WPLM. Due to our subscription the service must be used through our internet address.

Wondering Why with Forensics

The "Wondering Why" series is designed to encourage curiosity among elementary students. The next event, "Wondering Why with Forensics," will be on Thursday, February 28, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. A Bottom of Form educator from the University of Illinois Extension and an officer from the Williamsville Police Department will lead the session. Participants will learn about how chromatography and fingerprinting are used in forensics investigations and they will do hands on activities. The program is geared towards 3rd to 5th grade students, but younger students are welcome to attend with an adult. Please register by calling 566-3520 or register on-line at www.williamsvillelibrary.org.

Recycling & Donations

Drop off used eyeglasses, cell phones, ink cartridges, and alkaline batteries for recycling. As you make room for new items keep in mind that WPLM accepts donations of books and DVDs. Magazines that are fairly current are also accepted. Donated items will be added to our collection when needed. Other items will be stored for the book sale, which is held annually in coordination with the all-town garage sale. Anything that is not sold will then be donated to Goodwill.

Another Museum Partnership

The Illinois State Museum in Springfield is a great, local resource for families. In addition to special events, the Museum hosts permanent and changing exhibitions, as well as the "hands on" Play Museum, where kids can dig for fossils and search for insects. Seniors, children, military personnel and veterans already receive free admission to the Museum. WPLM has now formed a special partnership with the Illinois State Museum to allow parents to visit for free by checking out a membership pass. WPLM will also continue to offer free passes to our patrons for up to six people to visit the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum. Call 566-3520 to reserve your tickets to either museum.

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AMEREN Donates Bucket Truck to Village

Ameren Illinois has generously donated a bucket truck to the Village of Williamsville and it was officially transferred to us at a public media event on Thursday, November 1, at 10:00 a.m. at the Williamsville Public Library and Museum. Village President Tom Yokley, Public Works, Administrative staff and several Village Board members were on hand to show appreciation for the community support that Ameren shows to our Village and others. **THANK YOU AMEREN!**



SMART Rural Public Transportation Comes to Williamsville

Please see the flyer that we've added to this newsletter about the new Rural Public Transportation service through Sangamon and Menard counties. We hope that you can take advantage of this new service. It's open to everyone over 16 years old. The transportation is Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with first pick ups at 7:45 a.m. and last drop offs at 2:30 p.m. daily. Please contact them at 217-679-5009 for more information or to schedule a pick up.

Williamsville Garden Club

We hope everyone enjoyed our new Christmas pots during the Christmas season! We would like to thank those that have generously donated to our Williamsville Garden Club! All donations we receive are used to help buy items to decorate and fill our pots, as well as flowers and plants to beautify our amazing village!!

We will be disassembling our Christmas pots on Saturday, January 5th at 10:00 a.m. , if weather permits. If that date doesn't work out, we will push it back to the following Saturday, January 12th at 10:00 a.m. Our annual Garden Club New Year's Celebration will be on Thursday, January 17th at 6:30 p.m. at Bella Trattoria. If you are interested in joining the Williamsville Garden Club, please feel free to join us on this night! Our February meeting will be on Saturday, February 2nd at 10:00 a.m. at the Williamsville Public Library and Museum. Our club contact is Nique Scarbrough at 618-315-1099.

Santa's Visit

Thanks to everyone who came out to see Santa on December 1. Also thanks to the Williamsville Community Foundation for organizing the event and for breakfast; Nick Menke for the great train display; the Fire Department for touring Williamsville with Santa; and the cookie bakers for snacks and cookies for the boxes to residents. Hope you told Santa what your Christmas wishes were!

2018 Village Accomplishments –

- LED lighting installed in street lights along Main Street provides more direct lighting to the streets for safety and produced a savings of more than 30% on electric bills;
- Progress has been made on drainage issues on Main, Conrey and Walnut Streets and we will continue to work on drainage in 2019 with the intention of completing Main and Harpole Streets;
- Construction on the new railroad overpass has begun and will continue in the Spring of 2019;
- "Quiet Zone" was established for the railroad crossing which reduced noise within the Village;
- Village residents passed the sales tax referendum for the schools which will result in more funding for school facilities in the District without raising property taxes;
- Many programs, events and displays at the Williamsville Public Library and Museum;
- New floor in the pavilion at the Park; and
- The Police Department has returned to full strength with the addition of Officer Alec Tucker.

In 2019, the Village is pursuing an OSLAD grant through the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and, if received, will result in Park improvements including new playground equipment and additional walkways. The Williamsville Public Library and Museum will also continue to add more educational programs, events and activities for Village residents and students, as well as new displays and materials for the Museum.

Healthy Kids Running Series 2019

April 7—April 14—April 28—May 5—May 12

Races begin at 4:30 p.m. at the Williamsville Park.

Registration will begin on January 15, 2019.

Go to healthykidsrunningseries.org for more information and to register. Please contact Tiffany Himes via email at hkrswilliamsville@gmail.com with any questions.